Bachelor of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders in Macomb

Why Wayne State?

Wayne State offers a highly respected BA-CSD degree that provides students with excellent preparation for entry into graduate programs in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. Wayne State students in the BA-CSD program are taught by instructors whose research and/or clinical experiences make them exceptionally well-qualified to teach their individual subject areas. In addition, all BA students have the opportunity to observe and participate in therapy sessions in the WSU Speech and Language Center on the main campus.

Why earn a BA in CSD?

A Bachelor of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders or equivalent post-baccalaureate course work is required for admission to graduate programs in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology. The MA –SLP and the AuD are entrylevel degrees for the professions of Speech Language Pathologist and Audiologist, respectively.

Careers in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology are projected to grow by 19 to 25% through 2018, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The range for the middle 50% of salaries for Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists is $50,000 to $80,000 per year. In addition to full-time positions, part time and contract positions are available.

Careers in Audiology

Audiologists are health care professionals who study, diagnose and treat normal and impaired hearing, balance and related ear problems. Audiologists treat people of all ages and work in many different types of clinical and educational settings, including schools, hospitals, community clinics, rehabilitation centers, health departments, physicians’ offices, industries with hearing conservation programs and private practice. Audiologists use audiometers, computers and many other testing devices to assess the nature and extent of individuals’ hearing loss and to diagnose balance disorders. They may independently develop and carry out treatment programs or work with teams of health and education professionals to plan and deliver service to infants, children and adults. Sensory and neural problems related to hearing and balance can result from a variety of causes including genetic disorders, birth trauma, aging, exposure to loud sounds, certain viruses and some medications.

Individuals who wish to enter the profession of Audiology must earn an AuD degree after their BA.
Individuals who wish to enter the profession of Speech-Language Pathology must earn a Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology after their BA.

Courses offered in Macomb for the Major in Communication Sciences and Disorders

SLP 5080  Phonetics of American English
SLP 5090  Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech Mechanism
SLP 5120  Speech Sciences
SLP 5300  Introduction to Speech Language Pathology
SLP 5310  Clinical Methods
SLP 5320  Normal Language Acquisition
SLP 6460  Language and Phonological Disorders
SLP 6480  Organic Disorders
AUD 5400  Introduction to Audiology
AUD 5420  Introduction to Aural Rehabilitation
SLP 5360  Clinical Practicum – Main campus only

Course credits in the following non-major areas are also required for professional certification in Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology:

- Biological science 3 credits
- Physical science 3 credits
- College level mathematics or statistics 3 credits
- Behavioral science 3 credits
- Social science 3 credits

Post-bachelor in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

The post-bachelor program is a non-degree program for students interested in speech-language pathology or audiology, who currently hold a 4 year degree in some field, but do not have their undergraduate degree in the discipline. These students are interested in obtaining their Master’s degree, but need additional coursework before applying to our graduate program. The post-bachelor program consists of 10 required courses in the speech-language pathology (SLP) and audiology (AUD) disciplines. It is approximately 30 credits and takes approximately 1 year to complete.